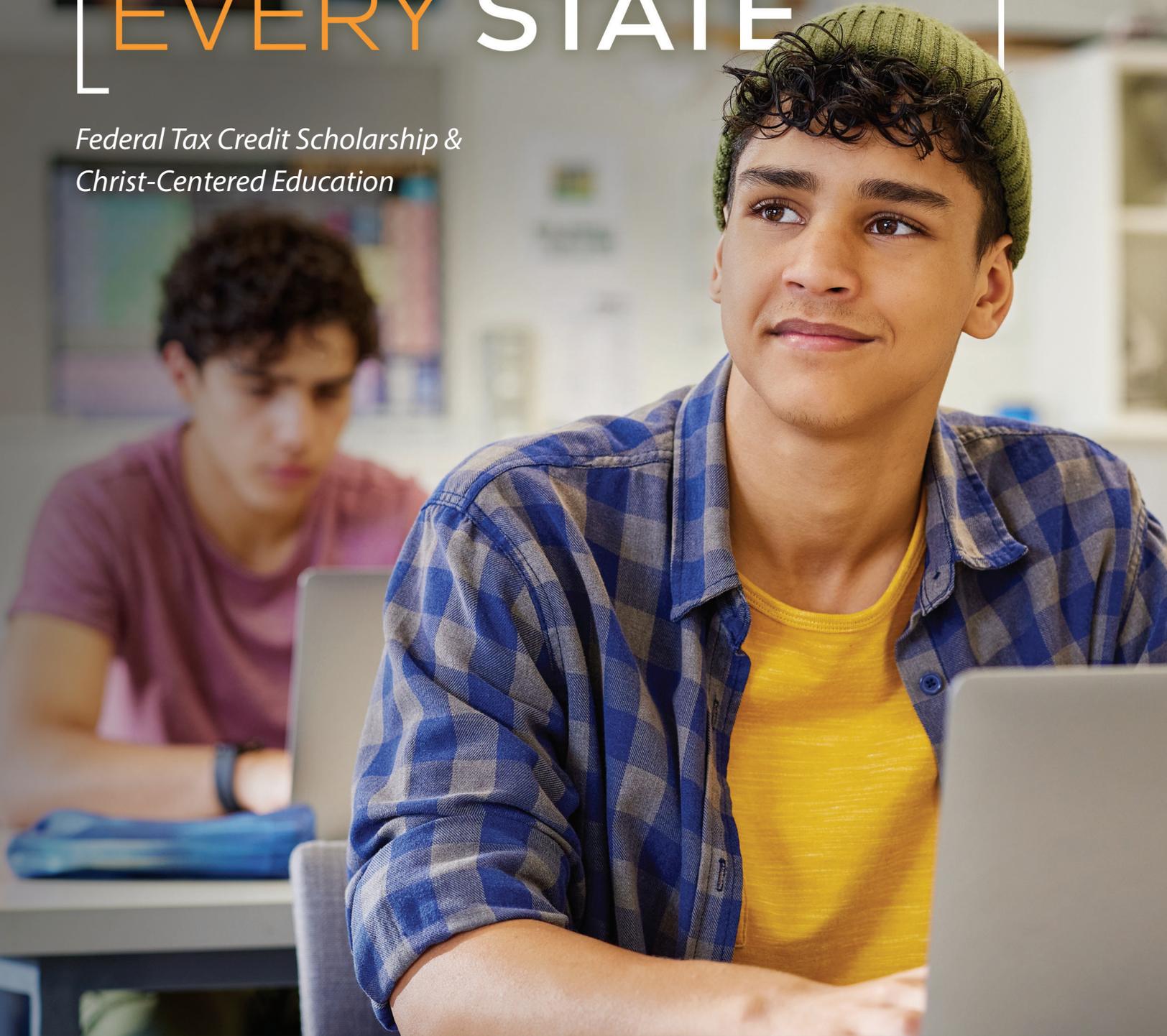


# EVERY STUDENT EVERY STATE

*Federal Tax Credit Scholarship &  
Christ-Centered Education*



Thank you for your interest in the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship and how it can help millions of students have greater access to Christ-centered education.

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**About Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI):**

Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, ACSI exists to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ. ACSI advances excellence in Christian schools by enhancing the professional and personal development of Christian educators and providing vital support functions for Christian schools through multiple services including teacher and administrator certification, school accreditation, legal/legislative assistance, curriculum publishing, and more. Serving more than 25,000 schools in 108 countries, ACSI helps approximately 5.5 million students worldwide connect to Christian education.

**About ACSI's Children's Tuition Fund:**

**Children's Tuition Fund** (CTF) is a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) operating as a ministry of ACSI. CTF exists to advance and resource educational choice for parents by helping them access Christian schooling that aligns with their beliefs and values. It has supported Christian schools for more than 20 years and currently operates in multiple states, managing millions of dollars in scholarship funding. CTF's experience allows schools to engage confidently, knowing systems and partnerships are already in place.



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**FACT SHEET**

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**ACSI Senior Leadership**

- **Dr. Larry Taylor**, President & CEO
- **Elisa Carlson**, Board Chair

**ACSI's Mission** is to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**ACSI's Vision** remains the same since our founding in 1978: to become a [leading international organization](#) that promotes Christian education and provides training and resources to Christian schools and Christian educators. [Our goal is to assist and encourage by developing:](#)

- **Schools** that contribute to the public good through effective teaching and learning and that are **biblically sound, academically rigorous, socially engaged, and culturally relevant; and**
- **Educators** who embody a biblical worldview, engage in transformational teaching and discipling, and embrace personal and professional growth.

**What does ACSI do?** Under a Vision 2030 strategic plan characterized by three foundational pillars of Advancing, Access, and Advocacy, ACSI continues to move forward four growth initiatives of new fields of ministry, missional partnerships, educational resources & programs, as well as the teacher & leader pipeline.

[ACSI offers multiple services, including:](#)

- **School accreditation, teacher and administrator certification, and updates on legal/legislative issues.**
- **Purposeful Design Publications, which develops academically rigorous, biblically based K-12 textbooks.**
- **ACSI helps more than 5.5 million students worldwide connect to Christian education through our efforts to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators.**

**Memberships that ACSI provides:**

- **Schools** (benefits include advocacy, legal counsel, career center, networking events, and leader consultation). **International** (benefits include international conferences, career center, and pre-field orientation).
- **Early Education** (benefits include professional development conferences and webinars with national experts and access to the career center).
- **Higher Education** (benefits include connection with Christian school students and educators seeking postsecondary study).
- **Individual** (benefits include webinars, professional development resources, and community collaboration with other educators).

**How many members does ACSI have?**

- **Approximately 2,200 member schools** (preschool to grade 12) in the **United States**.
- **More than 3,400 Global and 160 international member schools** (preschool to grade 12).
- **We serve an additional 25,000 Christian schools** across the globe through our services and resources.
- **50 member Christian colleges and universities.**

**ACSI Offers:**

- **A broad range of services, including: 1) legal/legislative advocacy and support, 2) numerous respected accreditation protocols, 3) certification, 4) an active career center, 5) networking events, 6) an online school directory for parents of prospective students, 7) consultation for school leaders and boards, 8) a full-service student assessment program, and 9) collaborative Community space to engage with their global peers 10) Student Leadership & Learning opportunities.**

# Media Overview

The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship is a new federal opportunity designed to expand access to K–12 education by allowing individuals to redirect up to \$1,700 of their federal income taxes to approved Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). These contributions provide tuition scholarships for students seeking Christ-centered education.

Beginning January 2027, individuals can use this tax credit to support students through the ACSI Children’s Tuition Fund, a trusted scholarship granting organization that has served Christian schools and families for more than 20 years.

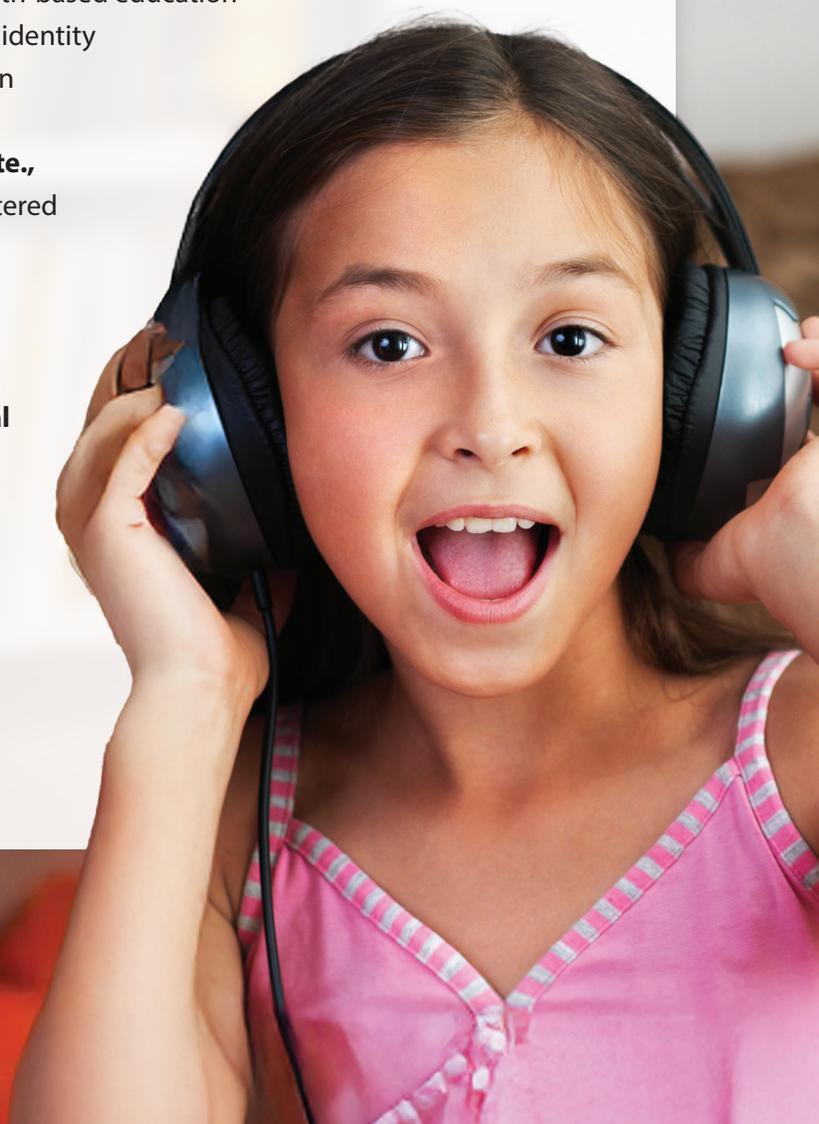
This opportunity:

- Uses private contributions, not public education funding
- Expands access for families who desire faith-based education
- Preserves school autonomy and religious identity
- Operates nationwide, pending state opt-in

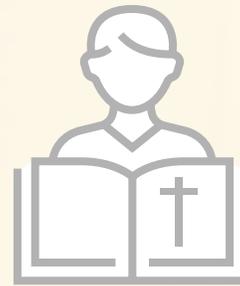
The campaign theme, **Every Student. Every State.**, reflects the goal of ensuring access to Christ-centered education for families across the country.

## Key Facts:

- Program begins: **January 2027**
- Tax credit: **100% non-refundable federal income tax credit up to \$1,700**
- Eligible use: K–12 education scholarships
- Scholarship granting organization: **Children’s Tuition Fund (CTF)**, operated by ACSI Children’s Tuition Fund
- State participation: Requires **state opt-in**
- Applies nationwide and can supplement existing state scholarship programs



# What is the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship?



An individual contributes through CTF.

The contributor can claim a federal tax credit.

A student receives a scholarship to attend a Christian school.

- Begins **January 1, 2027**
- Up to **\$1,700** tax credit contribution
- Supports K–12 scholarships
- ACSI Children's Tuition Fund is an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

## Call To Action for Media Audiences

Visit **EveryStudentEveryState.org** to:

- Learn how the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship works
- Check your state's opt-in status
- Access educational resources





# [ Public Service Announcements (PSAs) ]

## 15-Second PSA

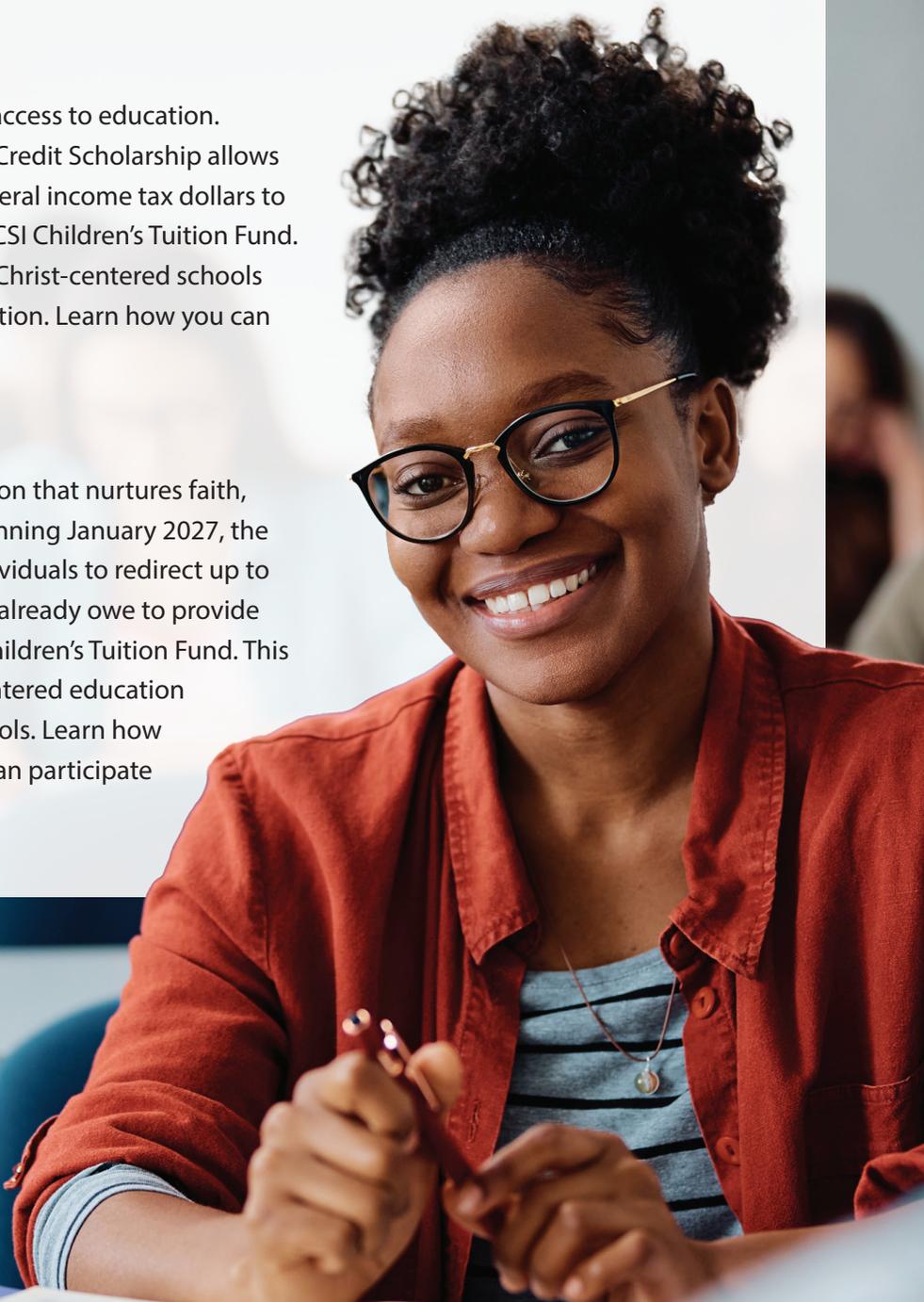
Every child deserves access to an education that shapes faith and character. Beginning January 2027, the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship allows individuals to redirect up to \$1,700 of federal tax dollars to support student scholarships through the ACSI Children's Tuition Fund. Learn more at [EveryStudentEveryState.org](https://EveryStudentEveryState.org).

## 30-SECOND PSA

A new federal opportunity is expanding access to education. Beginning January 2027, the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship allows individuals to redirect up to \$1,700 of federal income tax dollars to fund student scholarships through the ACSI Children's Tuition Fund. These scholarships help students attend Christ-centered schools without taking money from public education. Learn how you can help at [EveryStudentEveryState.org](https://EveryStudentEveryState.org).

## 60-SECOND PSA

Families across the country value education that nurtures faith, character, and academic excellence. Beginning January 2027, the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship allows individuals to redirect up to \$1,700 of federal income tax dollars they already owe to provide student scholarships through the ACSI Children's Tuition Fund. This opportunity expands access to Christ-centered education without diverting funds from public schools. Learn how this program works and how your state can participate at [EveryStudentEveryState.org](https://EveryStudentEveryState.org).



# Suggested Interview Questions

- What is the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship and how does it work?
- Who is eligible to benefit from these scholarships?
- Does this affect public school funding?
- How does this program support family choice?
- Why is state opt-in important?
- How can viewers or listeners learn more?

## Potential Story Angles

- “New Tax Credit Gives Families More Choice in Education”
- “How Federal Tax Credits Can Help Students Access Faith-Based Schools”
- “Parents and Schools Preparing for New Education Tax Credit”
- “Faith, Education, and Access: What the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Means”

## ACSI Quotes for Media Use

- “This opportunity allows families and contributors to invest directly in the next generation without compromising educational choice.”
- “The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship expands access while preserving school autonomy and religious freedom.”
- “Every student deserves access to an education that aligns with their family’s values.”
- “ACSI unequivocally supports freedom of choice in education—freedom for parents to choose schooling for their children that is grounded in objective truth and orthodox Christian belief that teaches the intrinsic worth and dignity of every person, regardless of their background (Genesis 1:27).”



# [ FAQs ]

## Common Questions Asked

### 1. What is the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship?

The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship is a new federal program that allows individuals to receive a **100% federal income tax credit up to \$1,700** for contributing to approved Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). These organizations use donations to provide tuition scholarships and other education-related support for students.

### 2. What is Children's Tuition Fund?

Children's Tuition Fund (CTF) is an SGO operating as a ministry of ACSI. CTF has supported Christian schools for more than 20 years and currently operates in multiple states, managing millions of dollars in scholarship funding. CTF's experience allows schools to engage confidently, knowing systems and partnerships are already in place.

### 3. Who can receive a scholarship?

Scholarships are available to K-12 students in states that formally opt in to the program whose families meet income criteria (up to 300% of the area median income). Priority may be given to students who previously received scholarships or their siblings.

### 4. What can scholarship funds be used for?

Scholarship funds may be used for a range of education costs, including tuition, curriculum materials and books, standardized test fees, educational therapies, instructional materials, and sometimes even homeschool-related costs, depending on SGO policies.

### 5. Do I have to be wealthy to benefit from the program?

No. The tax credit and scholarship program is designed to benefit a wide range of families. Because the credit is based on giving and scholarships are targeted by income eligibility (up to 300% of area median), many middle-income and moderate-income families may qualify.

### 6. Does this program take money from public school funding?

No. The Federal Tax Credit Scholarship uses private donations to fund scholarships and does not divert federal or state education funds away from public schools.

### **7. Will this program work in every state?**

Not automatically. For students to receive scholarships in a state, the state must opt in by allowing Scholarship Granting Organizations to operate under the federal law. If a state does not opt in, families in that state cannot use scholarships funded through this program.

### **8. Can scholarship funds be used for homeschooling or learning services?**

Depending on the CTF rules and state approval, scholarship funds may cover educational materials, tutoring, and other education-related services as defined by federally qualified education expenses.

## **Interviewees**

### **James Elliot, Director of ACSI Children's Education Fund:**

James Elliott has been the Director of ACSI Children's Education Fund since 2019. He served in executive financial roles at AXA Advisors and New Life Ranch for eight years before joining ACSI and was Director of Admissions and Director of Development, consecutively, at John Brown University from 2002 to 2011. James attended Christian schools in Colorado for middle school and high school and received his B.A. in History and his M.S. in Leadership/Ethics from John Brown University. He has been married to Karyn for the past 25 years and has two sons, Jamey and Jack.

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